

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

**As a below named inventor, I hereby declare as evidenced by my signature that:**

**My residential address, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,**

I believe that the below named inventor(s) are the original, first and joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

## FOOD WASTE REDUCTION MECHANISM FOR DISPOSER

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information that may be material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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**PRIOR NON-UNITED STATES OF AMERICA APPLICATION(S):**

☐ I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any non-U.S. application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any non-U.S. application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

**PRIOR NON-U.S. APPLICATION(S):**

**Priority Claimed**

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(Country)

(Day/Month/Year Filed)

Yes

No

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PRIOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S):

☐ I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)

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☒ I hereby claim domestic priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any provisional application(s) for patent listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior provisional application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:


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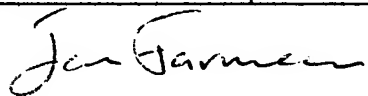
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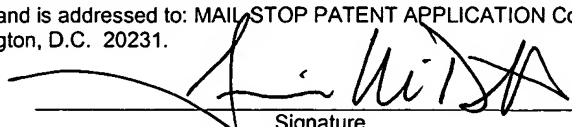
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Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of record of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an assignment recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as set forth below, hereby elects, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventors.

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